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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following comments are addressed to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above Amendment and the discussion below.

According to the present Office Action claims 8, 9, 22, 24 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Boehland (U.S. Patent No.: 5,810,328) previously of record.

Prior to discussing the nature of the present invention and the features which distinguish independent claims 8 and 22 from the reference to Boehland, Applicants respectfully point out that claims 8, 9 and 22 were rejected in the patent Office Action of December 5, 2003 as anticipated by the same reference to Boehland. Subsequent to the December 5, 2003 Office Action, Applicants filed an Amendment on February 24, 2004 which resulted in the final Office Action of May 20, 2004, which maintained a rejection over other art but did not maintain